



Division of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology
Animal Rabies Surveillance Report
July 2012 to December 2012

Report at a glance:

- All animals tested for rabies have been described according to time, place, and species concerned.
- A total of **350** specimens were tested for animal rabies. Approximately 4.6% of all specimens tested were positive for rabies virus.
- Approximately 46% of the samples were tested in **August**.
- The majority of submissions (64%) and about 63% of positive rabies results were for animals from **Providence County**.
- **Bats** were the most commonly submitted species (61% of all submissions). Nearly half of the bat submissions came from the city of **Providence**.
- The highest rate of positive tests were in **Skunk** (46%), followed by **Raccoon** (21%), and **Bats** (2%) and **Felines** (2%).
- Animals positive for rabies were found in Barrington, Charlestown, Cranston, Jamestown, Johnston, North Kingstown, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield, and Warren, with the most coming **Cranston and Providence**.

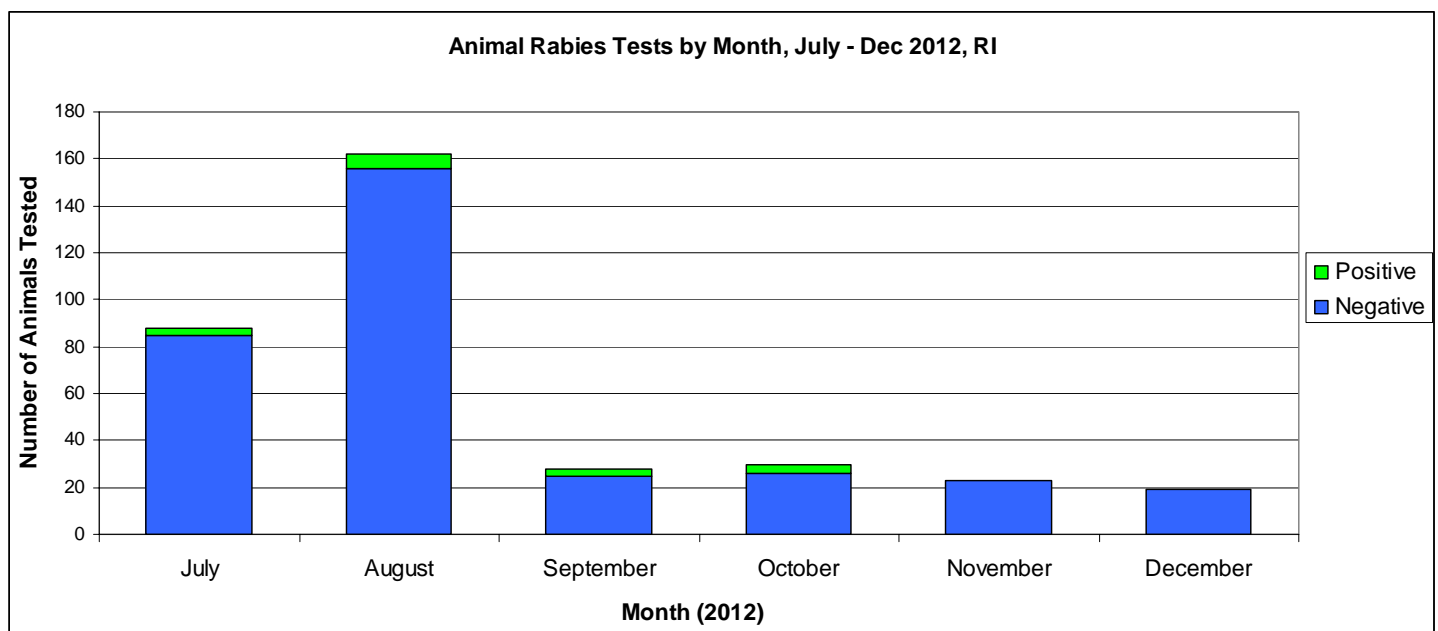


Table 1. Positive Rabies Test Results in Animals by County, July – Dec 2012, RI

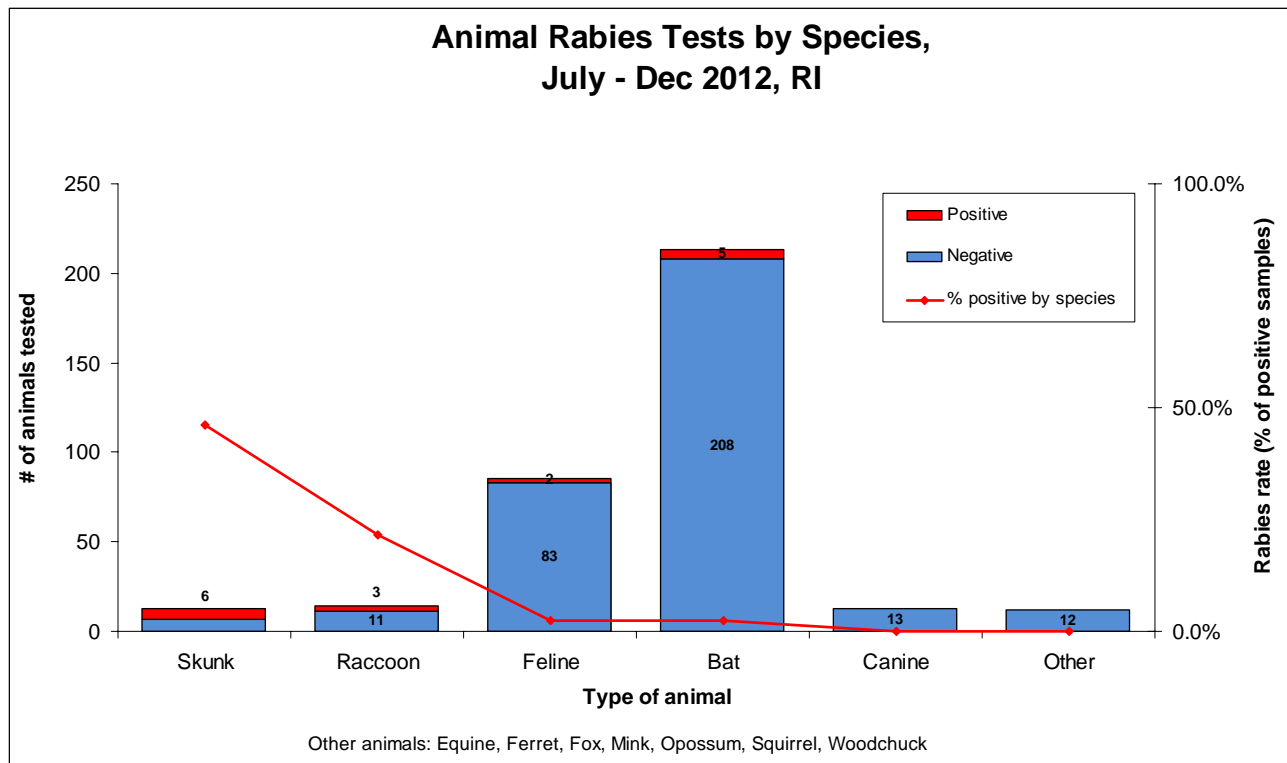
County	# of Positives	% of Total Positives
Providence County	10	2.86%
Washington County	3	0.86%
Bristol County	2	0.57%
Newport County	1	0.29%

Table 2. Animals tested for rabies by species and city/town, July - Dec 2012, RI

City	Animal Species	# Positive	Total tested	Percent of animal species tested (city / whole state)	Percent of positive tests (animal species and city / animal species and whole state)
Barrington	Bat	0	6	2.82%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	7.69%	N/A
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	1	7.14%	33.33%
Bristol	Bat	0	4	1.88%	0.00%
Burrillville	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
Burrillville	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	0	5	5.88%	0.00%
Central Falls	Bat	0	3	1.41%	0.00%
Charlestown	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Fox	0	1	50.00%	N/A
	Raccoon	1	1	7.14%	33.33%
Coventry	Bat	0	6	2.82%	0.00%
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
Cranston	Bat	0	28	13.15%	0.00%
	Feline	0	4	4.71%	0.00%
	Raccoon	1	4	28.57%	33.33%
	Skunk	2	2	15.38%	33.33%
Cumberland	Bat	0	4	1.88%	0.00%
	Canine	0	2	15.38%	N/A
	Feline	0	5	5.88%	0.00%
East Greenwich	Bat	0	5	2.35%	0.00%
	Equine	0	1	100.00%	N/A
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
	Ferret	0	1	50.00%	N/A
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
East Providence	Bat	0	7	3.29%	0.00%
	Feline	0	6	7.06%	0.00%
	Ferret	0	1	50.00%	N/A
	Squirrel	0	1	100.00%	N/A
	Woodchuck	0	1	33.33%	N/A
Exeter	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%

Foster	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
Glocester	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
Hopkinton	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
Jamestown	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	1	2	2.35%	50.00%
Johnston	Bat	0	5	2.35%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	2.35%	0.00%
	Skunk	1	1	7.69%	16.67%
Lincoln	Bat	0	6	2.82%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
Little Compton	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
Middletown	Feline	0	2	2.35%	0.00%
Narragansett	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Feline	0	2	2.35%	0.00%
Newport	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	7.14%	0.00%
North Kingstown	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Opossum	0	1	50.00%	N/A
	Skunk	2	2	15.38%	33.33%
North Providence	Bat	0	11	5.16%	0.00%
	Feline	1	7	8.24%	50.00%
North Smithfield	Bat	0	6	2.82%	0.00%
	Canine	0	2	15.38%	N/A
Pawtucket	Bat	1	21	9.86%	20.00%
	Canine	0	1	7.69%	N/A
	Feline	0	5	5.88%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	7.14%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	33.33%	N/A
Portsmouth	Bat	0	1	0.47%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	7.69%	N/A
	Feline	0	2	2.35%	0.00%
	Mink	0	1	100.00%	N/A
	Raccoon	0	3	21.43%	0.00%
Providence	Bat	3	47	22.07%	60.00%
	Feline	0	6	7.06%	0.00%
	Opossum	0	1	50.00%	N/A
Richmond	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
Smithfield	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Skunk	1	1	7.69%	16.67%
South Kingstown	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Fox	0	1	50.00%	N/A
Tiverton	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	7.14%	0.00%
Warren	Bat	1	5	2.35%	20.00%

	Feline	0	2	2.35%	0.00%
Warwick	Bat	0	10	4.69%	0.00%
	Canine	0	3	23.08%	N/A
	Feline	0	5	5.88%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	7.14%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
West Greenwich	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Canine	0	1	7.69%	N/A
	Feline	0	4	4.71%	0.00%
	Raccoon	0	1	7.14%	0.00%
West Warwick	Bat	0	4	1.88%	0.00%
	Feline	0	1	1.18%	0.00%
	Woodchuck	0	1	33.33%	N/A
Westerly	Bat	0	11	5.16%	0.00%
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
Woonsocket	Bat	0	2	0.94%	0.00%
	Canine	0	2	15.38%	N/A
	Feline	0	3	3.53%	0.00%
	Skunk	0	1	7.69%	0.00%
Grand Total		16	350		



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